


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP RECONSTRUCTION</b>
Manfred Brandenstein et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3726
Application No.: 09/920,622	)	Examiner: ERIC B COMPTON
Filed: August 3, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 6928
For: PROCESS FOR MOUNTING	)	
BEARING RINGS	)	



**RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 - PENDING APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 issued on May 16, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application, attached is a complete and accurate copy of Applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Applicant and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified application. The attached copy includes the following.

1. A copy of the application, including the drawings, submitted on August 3, 2001.
2. A copy of the unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted on August 3, 2001.
3. A copy of the Application Transmittal Letter submitted on August 3, 2001.
4. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 6, 2001.

5. A copy of the Filing Receipt issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 6, 2001.
6. A copy of the Recordation Form Cover Sheet and executed Assignment filed on October 9, 2001.
7. A copy of the Claim for Convention Priority, and a copy of the certified copy of the priority application, filed on October 9, 2001.
8. A copy of an Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 9, 2001 together with copies of the cited references.
9. A copy of the transmittal Letter for Missing Parts of Application, together with a copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on October 9, 2001.
10. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 13, 2001, together with an English language translation of an Official Action issued by the German Patent and Trademark Office.
11. A copy of the Updated Filing Receipt issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 2, 2001.
12. A copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2001.
13. A copy of the Notice of Publication of application issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 21, 2002.
14. A copy of a Status Inquiry filed on September 9, 2004.
15. A copy of a letter issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 17, 2004 indicating the status of this application.

In addition to the enclosed papers, the Patent Office is also advised that the Examiner in charge of this application telephoned the undersigned in the latter part

of August 2002 to indicate that he was imposing a restriction requirement between the Group I invention defined in Claims 1-8 and 13-19 directed to a process and the Group II invention recited in Claims 9-12 and 20-23 directed to an article. At the same time, the Examiner indicated that the article claims are directed to two different species -- Species A illustrated in Figs. 3A, 3B and 4, and Species B shown in Figs. 6A and 6B. The Examiner thus indicated that upon election of the article claims, an election of one of the two species would be required. The undersigned telephoned the Examiner in the early part of September 2002 to elect with traverse, the Group I invention recited in Claims 1-8 and 13-19 directed to the process.

The papers identified above and submitted with this paper is a complete and accurate copy of Applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Applicant for this application. Applicant is not aware of any correspondence between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Applicant for the above-identified application that is not among Applicant's records.

Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant is given a period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), a list of such correspondence, and a statement that the copy is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.

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Alternatively, applicant may reply to this notice by producing applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application for the Office to copy (except for U.S. patent documents), and provide a statement that the papers produced by applicant are applicant's complete record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records. Such records must be brought to the Customer Service Center in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (Crystal Plaza 2, 2011 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202).

If applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (or any copy of the paper(s) listed above), applicant must reply to this notice by providing a statement that applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application.

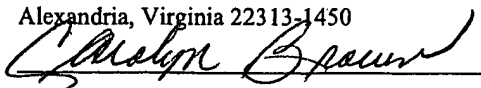
Failure to reply to this notice in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the above-identified application. The three-month period for reply to this notice may be extended (up to a maximum of six months) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). However, failure to reply within this three-month period will result in a reduction of any patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

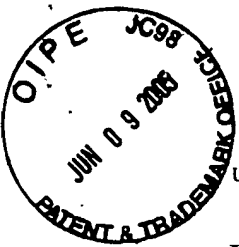
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We project that this application will be first examined in 0 to 3 months from today.

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